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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLOSING AN OPEN END
OF A PRODUCT, AND PRODUCT FORMED THEREBY

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (2 pages).

Preliminary Amendment (5 pages).

Specification, Claims, and Abstract (20 pages).

Formal drawings (6 sheets, Figures 1, 1A, 2-10, 10A-10C, 11, and 12A-12C).

Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).

[X] Assertion of Small Entity Status Statement (1 page).

[X] Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).

[X] Form PTO/SB/08 (1 page).

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Basic Fee				\$770.00	\$770.00
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